

**“Standing in Faith”**  
**2 Cor. 1:24**

**Big Idea – God’s Word enables us to stand firm in our faith.**

*“ ...for by faith you stand. 2 Corinthians 1:24*

*11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.*

*13 That is why you need to put on God’s full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.*

*14 So stand strong... Ephesians 6:11-14*

How?

**1. Remind yourself of God’s promises**

*1 Thess. 5:24 “...faithful is He who called you, who also will do it.”*

*2 Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. “*

*Hebrews 10:23 Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.*

*Hebrews 11:11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.*

*1 Kings 8:56 “... when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the Lord, ... he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses*

*Psalms 71: 22 Then I will praise you with music on the harp,because you are faithful to your promises, O God.*

*Psalms 91:2 -:4 Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

2 *This I declare of the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him.*

3 *For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from the fatal plague.*

4 *He will shield you with his wings. He will shelter you with his feathers. His **faithful promises** (truth) are your armor and protection.*

**Very important point: God's promises are in God's Word, so to remind yourself of God's promises you need to know them from God's Word.**

## **2. Remember past provisions and answers to prayer**

*Psalm 77:10 – 15 But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High." I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds. Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. You have with Your arm redeemed Your people,*

*Psalms 106:12 - 15 Then at last his people believed his promises. Then they finally sang his praise.*

13 *Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!*

14 *In the wilderness, their desires ran wild, testing God's patience in that dry land.*

15 *So he gave them what they asked for, but he sent a plague along with it.*

21 *They forgot God, their Savior, Who had done such great things in Egypt—22 such wonderful things in that land, such awesome deeds at the Red Sea.*

24 *The people refused to enter the promised land, for they wouldn't believe his promise to care for them.*

2 Cor. 1:20 *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

Titus 1:2 *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,*

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.*

13 *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

## **3. Realize the more I use my faith, the more it grows**

Colossians 2:7 *Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so **you will grow in faith**, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.*

Acts 11:22 - 24 they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24For he was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.**

Acts 4:36 For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. 37He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles for those in need.

Romans 4:19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was **strengthened in faith**, giving glory to God, 21and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

In Genesis 11 & 12 Abram used his faith, that's why it grew so much that he could believe God would give a 100 year old man a son.

#### **4. Recount or re-tell my experience to help others**

2 Corinthians 1:4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

5 You can be sure that the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

6 So when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit and salvation! For when God comforts us, it is so that we, in turn, can be an encouragement to you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

7 We are confident that as you share in suffering, you will also share God's comfort.